

DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2024

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

We were thrilled to host the **Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club** again, this time to kick off our 100th Anniversary celebrations! In addition to their display in Meeting Room 1, we had food trucks outside and a variety of LEGO building activities inside. We had a total of 2,186 visitors to the Library on Saturday, May 4 and 1,763 visitors on Sunday, May 5.



Managers conducted performance reviews this month in preparation for merit increases in July.

Melissa Gardner and I hosted the North Suburban Library Directors monthly networking group and gave a tour of our newly renovated staff areas.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries presentation 5/3
- CCS
 - Agenda review 5/3
 - Governing Board 5/8
- PMA Financial discussion of arbitrage 5/9
- Friends of the Library President/VP meeting 5/16
- Foundation meeting 5/16
- POC
 - Executive Committee meeting 5/16
 - Board meeting 5/23
- Rotary
 - Volunteering at Faith Feeds food pantry 5/18
 - Club meeting 5/28
- North Suburban Directors meeting 5/28

Jeannie Dilger

COMMON ACRONYMS USED

- ALA – American Library Association
- CCS – Cooperative Computer System, our shared library catalog
- CPLA – Certified Public Library Administrators program
- FOL – Friends of the Library
- NHB – North Hoffman Branch library
- ILA – Illinois Library Association
- IMRF – Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- ISL – Illinois State Library
- LIRA – Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency, our property/casualty insurance pool
- PLA – Public Library Association
- POC – Partners for Our Communities
- RAILS – Reaching Across Illinois Library System, the state agency that provides support to libraries in northern Illinois
- RRB – Rand Road Branch library
- TIF – tax increment financing

Meadows Welcomes Food Trucks, Music

New 'Bites & Beats' Event Starts May 22

The new city of Rolling Meadows Bites & Beats on Kirchoff event combines food truck fare and live musical entertainment in the community's downtown.

Monthly events will take place on the grounds of Community Church of Rolling Meadows, 2720 Kirchoff Rd., on Wednesday, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25. Musical styles include bluegrass, blues, Brazilian, folk, funk, jazz, pop and steel drum among others.

The following food truck vendors are so far registered to participate in Bites & Beats: Bellaru, Culinary Gangster, Holy Smokes BBQ, Johnny G's Meat and Deli, My Funnel Truck, Nettle Creek BBQ, Panzi'z Italian Panzerotti House, The Happy Lobster, Yum Dum adult beverages.

No outside food or beverages are permitted at these events. Bites & Beats is free and open to the public.

Ramp, Lane Closures Expected at Dempster Interchange With

Overnight ramp and lane closures were scheduled to begin this week at the Dempster Street Interchange on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in the Des Plaines-Park Ridge area for work to repair and maintain the ramps. Detours will be posted.

Ramp repair work will include milling and resurfacing of concrete pavement. All work at the interchange is scheduled to be complete this summer.

Beginning the week of May 13, the four ramps at the I-294 Dempster interchange are scheduled to close nightly beginning at 9 p.m. and reopening by 4 a.m. the fol-

lowing morning. Detours will be posted each night and will close on alternating nights with up to two ramps closing nightly. Closures are scheduled to continue through May.

Detours for the ramps are: Eastbound Dempster/Southbound Rand Road to southbound I-294; Traffic will be routed via Northwest Highway, Oakton Street and River Road to the Touhy Avenue interchange to access southbound I-294.

Northbound I-294 to eastbound Dempster. Traffic will be directed to exit at westbound Dempster and will be routed via Rand, E-

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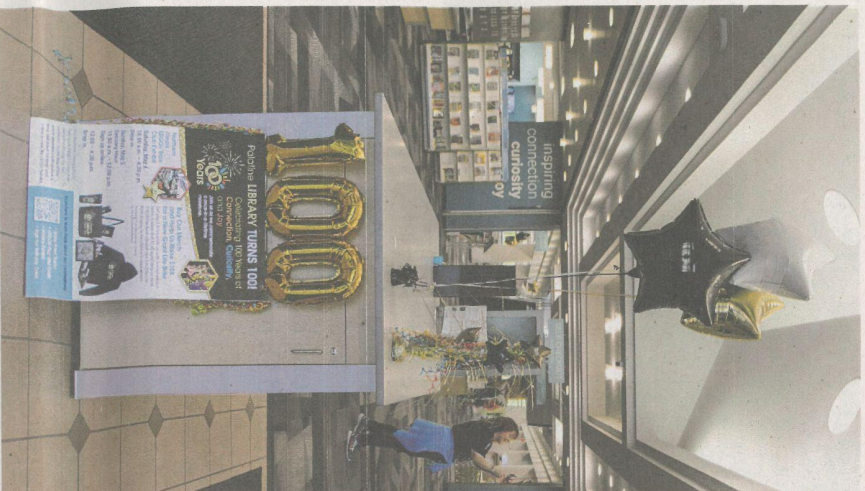


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Checking In On Library

Decorations on display for Saturday's 100th anniversary party at the Palatine Public Library. An exhibition at the library last Saturday takes visitors back through the facility's last 100 years. **Below:** Eryka Karz and Nina Karz, 3, of Mount Prospect view Legos on display at the Palatine Library last Saturday. The library's 100th anniversary observance included a visit by the Northern Illinois Lego Train Club. The Journal published a special section on the library's 100th in last week's editions. (Patrick Jasionowski/Special to the Journal)



Palatine Library Names Conner Assistant Director

The Palatine Library District recently announced the promotion of Susan Conner to assistant director after the position was vacated by Melissa Gardner, who was promoted to executive director starting in July 2024.

Conner has been the technology manager at Palatine Library for the past eight years and has been on staff for 18 years in various positions.

She earned her master's in library and information science from the University of Alabama. She currently serves as a



Conner

board member in the LACONI Technology Section and is on the 2024 ILA Conference Program Committee.

Conner has been a vital part of the library's management team and has implemented several technology innovations and services, including managing our new makerspace, The Workshop.

"I'm excited and honored to move into this role and focus

on our new strategic plan. We have an exceptional team and a wonderful community," Conner said.

Dundee-53 TIF

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for a TIF eligibility study, redevelopment plan, and designation services for the proposed TIF area.

The village annexed the 50 acres of property along Dundee, between Baldwin Road and Route 53, from 1986 through 1994. A majority of the properties were developed while in unincorporated Cook County and were experiencing declining conditions, lack of maintenance, lack of municipal facilities, obsolete platting, and little reinvestment.

Recognizing the Dundee Road corridor importance, there has been a desire by the village to help promote and facilitate reinvestment and redevelopment within this area.

According to village officials, several portions of that corridor have not been subject to growth and redevelopment through investment by private enterprise and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed without the benefits provided by a TIF district.

TIF is a development tool local governments can utilize to make public improvements and attract new development to an area. Utilizing TIF helps local governments attract private development and new businesses using local resources that do not depend upon an increase in taxes or the reduction of other services.

When a TIF district is created, the value of the property in the area is established as the "base" amount. The property taxes paid on this base amount continue to go to the various taxing bodies, with the amount of revenue declining only if the base declines

(something that the TIF is expected to keep from happening) or the tax rate goes down.

It is the growth of the value of the property over the base that generates the tax increment.

The increment is funneled into a special tax increment allocation fund for use by the municipality to make additional investment in the TIF project area. The idea is this reinvestment generates additional growth in property value.

A tax increment is the difference between the amount of property tax revenue generated before TIF district designation and the amount of property tax revenue generated after designation. Establishment of a TIF does not reduce property tax revenues available to overlapping taxing bodies, as the property taxes collected on properties included in the TIF at the time of designation continue to be distributed in the same manner as they would if the TIF did not exist. Only new property taxes generated by the incremental increase in the value of these properties after the TIF is established are available for investment in the TIF.

Councilman Tim Millar (1st) noted TIFs have been successful, and without them, developments such as Target and Walmart, would have never come to fruition. He added that TIFs spur economic development and in return, the village has provided surplus dollars from other existing TIFs back to other taxing bodies.

Mayor Jim Schwantz agreed with Millar stating the village has a great "track record" of high-performing TIFs currently and in the past.

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